

It Happens In the Best Regulated Families—By Briggs

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Mrs. Wilson Woodrow's Article

BY MRS. WILSON WOODROW,
The world-famous writer on vital subjects.

How often do you see a woman of middle age whose face is serene and peaceful, whose eyes are full of laughter and kindness? You see her everywhere—in the streets, in the shops, at lectures, at concerts, at plays, in their own homes. And nine out of every ten with that serene, carefree, satisfied expression. This "driven" look is not a peculiarity of city dwellers alone. It can be noticed on the faces of women in the small towns, and even in the country. You look at them and they all seem the embodiments of "life's titful fever." You talk to them, and the eternal ruck and scurry of life as it is lived seems to express itself in their conversation. And for what are they all rushing and hurrying? Some of them will tell you that they have so many responsibilities to look after that they must be attended to. The ones who haven't the responsibilities are under what is to them the urgent necessity of keeping up with a great variety of different activities. They start from one to another as if they feared that something might get away from them.

I heard a woman say the other day: "I am so busy doing all the things I ought to do that I never have a chance to do the things I like to do. I have to look after the comfort and happiness of too many different people to think of myself, and I'm usually so fatigued that I wouldn't be able to enjoy a good time if it came my way."

She failed to realize that you can't put other people at ease unless you are at ease yourself, and that you can't create an atmosphere of happiness unless you yourself are happy.

That sliding up of 24 hours into eight hours for work, eight hours for play and eight hours for sleep is usually considered the perfect division of a perfect day. But the result is a three-sided thing, not a square.

Wouldn't a more satisfactory division of one's day include proper hours for work, for play, for sleep and aim for what one—lacking a more comprehensive word—might call rest?

When you work your mind is concentrated on that work. When you play your faculties are absorbed in the world. But every human being needs those moments when the tense mind may become unconcentrated or the tense muscles unflexed, when we can completely relax and be as a leaf floating idly, indifferently on the currents of life, when we can take a moment to read or repeat to ourselves some lovely words, as, for instance, Wordsworth's—

"The world is too much with us; late and soon,
Getting and spending, we lay waste
Our powers;
Little we see in Nature that is ours;
We have given our hearts away, a sordid boon!"

This sea that hares her bosom to the moon,
The winds that will be howling at all hours,
And are upgather'd now like sleeping flowers,
For this, for everything, we are out of tune.

It moves us not—Great God! I'd rather be
A pagan suckled in a creed outworn—
So might I, standing on this pleasant lea,
Have glimpses that would make me less forlorn.

Have sight of Proteus rising from the sea,
Or hear old Triton blow his wreathed horn."

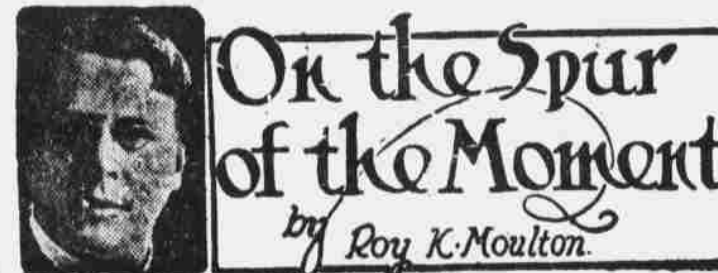
The people who make a study of nervous derangements tell us that no one breaks down from overwork. The breakdowns occur from a lack of harmonious adjustment to the work. If we love the thing we are doing it becomes play to us and there is no fret or friction about it, subconscious or otherwise.

People's nerves get on edge because there is something within them that is at war with their outward activities and accomplishments.

Everyone needs a little pause now and then, a change of place, a change of thought—anything that will take us out of the rut we are in.

"Someone—I forgot—who—has said: 'No price is too great to pay for the mood of inspiration.'"

And it is the mood of inspiration that enables us to go forward with courage and with joy.



On the Spur of the Moment

by Roy K. Moulton.

HIS CUSTOMARY ATTITUDE.
We hear so much about french pests, Coolies and such things,
That bite and bite profoundly
And have peculiar stings.

It often makes me wonder
If they had Napoleon's goat,
For we always see his majesty
With his hand inside his coat.

—Art Mayers.

"Aaron Sweetzer, of Saco, had a calf bitten by a dog yesterday. You have your sympathy, sir—or the animal—whichever was bitten," says the Transcript.

LAMP VS. WICK.
Bertha D. Wick has filed an answer and cross-petition denying allegations named in a petition filed by Alvin H. Wick, Jr. She asks for a decree of divorce, restoration of her former name, Bertha Lamp, and alimony.—Omaha Bee.

W. J. E. has discovered, in the course of his travels, that Dr. Killmore is a "very successful practitioner" in Ohio.

"Frank Jones made a trip to Bangor with a load this week."—Maine paper. Still they call that a dry state.

FASHION NOTES.
"Vons" will not be worn much in America this season.
Silk hats will be worn by diplomats and corn doctors.
Pockets are rapidly becoming obsolete. Their use is only nominal.
Heavy jewels will be popular with those who have grand opera boxes.

The styles in overcoats will not change much from last winter. In fact, most of them will be the same coats.

Fancy silk vests and diamond rings will again be very much worn by horse doctors, bartenders and vaudeville stars.

It is difficult for a woman to keep a secret because her husband is always so anxious to hear all the gossip.

Considering how everything has gone up, we can hardly blame some of the old fellows for sitting around dreamily and living in the past.

A baby girl arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith last week. Mrs. Smith is in Fort Collins, Greeley (Col.) Tribune.

Father and baby both doing well?

If you want quick and comprehensive circulation for an item of news, whisper it to somebody in strictest confidence.

"Prince Maximilian is dressed in breath authority."—Cable item. And it probably is made of paper at that.

Seems as though poor old Ut Consumer should have a place at the peace table. He's been through a lot.



I DON'T know why it is.
BUT WHEN Christmas approaches.
AND IT grows cold.
AND THERE comes some snow.
I ALWAYS have a feeling.
THAT I'D like to go back.
TO WHERE I was a kid.
AND IF I close my eyes.
AND LISTEN hard.
I CAN hear sleigh bells.
AND SEE hills.
AND A lot of boys.
AND A lot of girls.
AND BOB sleds.
THAT COAST down the hills.
AND FARMERS' sleds.
ON THEIR way back home.
THAT HAUL them up.
AND JUST a block away.
FROM OUR favorite hill.
I CAN see the old house.
WHERE I used to live.
IT WAS painted white.
AND THE shutters were green.
AND IN the winter.
THERE WERE banks of snow.
THAT HID the street.
FROM THE lower windows.
AND I can remember.
THEY USED to say.
IF WE had chubbies.
THAT A certain cure.
WAS TO run in the snow.
IN OUR two bare feet.
AND WE used to do that.
AND EVERY year now.
AS CHRISTMAS time comes.
IT ALL comes back.
AND THE older I grow.
THE MORE it seems.
THAT I'D like to go back.
FOR A little while.

AND IT'S thirty years.
SINCE I saw the hills.
IN THE winter time.
AND IT'S more than that.
SINCE I flopped on a sled.
AND COASTED them.
AND LONG ago.
I GAVE up hope.
THAT THE day would come.
WHEN I might go back.
AND JUST today.
A LETTER came.
WITH THE mark of the town.
ON THE envelope.
AND A relative wrote.
THAT TWO old folks.
WHOM I used to love.
AND WHO still live there.
AND WHOM I still love.
HAD EXPRESSED a wish.
THAT I visit them.
AND I've written a letter.
"DEAR UNCLE and Aunt.
"KEEP PLACES for two.
"AT THE dinner table.
"ON NEW Year's day.
"AND WE'LL both be there."
THE "BOTH" is my wife.
AND WE'RE going up.
AND IF I don't come back.
YOU'LL FIND me there.
ON THE great long hill.
NEAR THE Baptist church.
WITH A new bob sled.
I THANK you.

THEATERS.

DEW'S LYCEUM
Continuous 1 to 11 p.m.
New Show Today
Louis Hart
Decorated by the French Government with the Violet Ribbon
"AS IN A DREAM."

AL CARPE
The Syncopated Jazz Fiddler.
Chas. C. Rice & Co.
"THE FOUR FLUSHER."
OTHER CLASSY ACTS
—and—
Pauline Frederick
in "A DAUGHTER OF THE OLD SOUTH."
Usual Nights, Sat.,
Matinees Sun. and Holiday Matinees
10c-15c 10c-20c-30c
INCLUDING WAR TAX.

Orpheum
HAPPY NEW YEAR
Gus Edwards & Co.
(Himself) in a
WELCOME HOME SONG REVUE
Assisted by a Collection of
"Newly-Found" Youthful Talent
8-OTHER FEATURES—8

Next Week
The Most Portentous Headliner of the Season
Taylor Granville and Laura Pierpont
in "An American Ace"
30—People—30
11—Big Scenes—11

New LYRIC Theater
ALL WEEK
THE NEW LYRIC PLAYERS
Offer
NEW YORK'S BIG SUCCESS
Common Clay
THE HARVARD PRIZE PLAY
MATINEES:
Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday
Prices 25c to 75c.
NEXT WEEK
Starting Monday Night,
"UNDER COVER"

"GENERAL SUICIDE."
There is a Red Cross general just one file in the Chicago—so little that you hardly observe him in a crowd of schoolboys—and he was in the thick of things at Chateau Thierstein. He has an imperial, preoccupied air as he sits on the front seat of his camion car, a hundred thousands of dollars of a million hot drinks, sandwiches and eggs of four million clearlets; or you may hear him break the number of units were served per diem. Or again you may break of 2,500 newspapers delivered daily, and 600 magazines weekly, to each division at the front. From the Red Cross Magazine.

SHOPPING BY WIRE.
When the influenza epidemic started an emergency call reached American Red Cross headquarters in Washington one morning before 10 o'clock for 2,000 pairs of pajamas. By 11 o'clock a conversation over the long-distance wire had disclosed the fact that Philadelphia could furnish them, and a federal express special delivered them in Boston the next morning. Interurban shopping by long distance for 2,000 garments, with delivery inside of 24 hours, is quite amazing.—Anne Lewis Pierce in Red Cross Magazine.

RED CROSS WORK FOR JULY
To convey a vague impression of the help that has been given by the American Red Cross to the soldiers in action, you may turn the July work into figures. You may mention the distribution of a hundred thousands of dollars of a million hot drinks, sandwiches and eggs of four million clearlets; or you may hear him break the number of units were served per diem. Or again you may break of 2,500 newspapers delivered daily, and 600 magazines weekly, to each division at the front. From the Red Cross Magazine.

THEATERS.
Low's Princess
Continuous 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.
TODAY—LAST TIME
FANNY WARD in
"THE CHEAT"
With Sessue Hayakawa and Big Cast
"PATTY" APBUCKLE in
"THE SHERIFF"
10c including War Tax.
Fri.-Sat.—FRED STONE in
"THE GOAT"

BETTER FARMING

The general government, through its many model farms, and the various states, through their agricultural departments, have done much in the way of educating people in better farming, and the value of the experiment is becoming more and more appreciated. The various counties are appropriating money to pay experts to teach them, and the investment is a good and a profitable one. Our Chamber of Commerce, through its agricultural department, did a great work last year, and the newspapers spread the expert information among the people, who took advantage of it to improve their condition by increasing production, and caring for their products in a more scientific manner. No lesson has ever been entirely learned, and the lesson of agriculture is one that continually presents new problems that must be studied and understood. The brain power of the world has been chiefly devoted in the past to the subjects of war and industrial development. Only recently has agriculture begun coming into its own. In the lead of all other countries stands little Denmark. Only about one-third the size of Tennessee, that country has practiced intensive farming and scientific stock raising so that she is enabled to export more per acre than any other nation after supplying her own people bountifully. From Denmark we have learned much through our consular reports, and we have much yet to learn from this and other countries.

We have experts at home who can teach us if given a chance, and in no way can money and effort be more profitably expended.

When we reflect that the two paramount needs of humanity are food and clothing, and that these indispensable necessities must be obtained from the soil, as the reward of labor, it will be seen that the more knowledge and intelligence we bring to the work, the greater will be these rewards, the richer we will be as a people, and the greater benefit we will be to the world. Better farming should be encouraged. It is something that every man, woman and child is interested in, and the promotion and advancement of better farming are as patriotic an enterprise as can engage the attention of serious-minded men and women.

We should make the most and the best of the opportunities that God gives us. We have a wonderful country, and as the people in the worn-out areas of Europe are depending on us for food and clothing, our chance for service is great—almost immeasurable.

UNWARRANTED FEAR.

The New York World on Dec. 25 carried a dispatch from Paris of which the following is a part:

"Cession of hostilities has redirected the attention of the 2,000,000 American soldiers here to recent events at home. General resentment is felt over the action of congress in passing the bone-dry prohibition and other acts, concerning which voters in the army believe they should have had a voice. Threats of reprisal are heard against individual members of congress who have been responsible for the enactment of sumptuary and other objectionable laws. Candidates already are mentioned as acceptable substitutes for the senators and representatives in congress who are held responsible for the offensive measures. Scant communication with home in the last six months accounts in part, no doubt, for the intensity of the present interest in home developments. Discussion of such affairs among the American forces is now catching up with events."

In the first place, it is absurd for a correspondent to attempt to speak for the 2,000,000 fighting men, and if he had he would have discovered that a goodly portion of them came from the dry states and most of them helped to bring it about.

And, in the second place, the correspondent would have found that no man in the uniform of the American army or navy is permitted to drink, and that before leaving this country it was made an offense to serve a man in uniform.

When Josephus Daniels abolished the use of liquor in the navy it was predicted that the morale of the men would dwindle and shrink and the navy itself would become an impotent thing in the face of the beer-drinking nations of the world.

We are unable to conceive of the returning American soldiers, from the descriptions that have been pictured to our mind, expressing any great resentment over the passing of booze.

TIME FOR LEGISLATION

If there is to be a quiet session of the legislature, as indications seem to forecast, it should be utilized in the passage of remedial legislation for the benefit of the masses of the people. Such matters are generally lost sight of in the turmoil and strife of political contests, but the time seems propitious now for the legislature to enact some laws of real benefit to the people of Tennessee.

Any well-grounded lawyer could suggest at least a dozen measures for the benefit of the general public. It would be well if the lawyers throughout the state would devote some time to the consideration of measures of equity. An example of the kind of measures the legislature should consider has been suggested by a well-known Memphis lawyer.

Under the laws of Tennessee when a man dies and leaves a small sum of money in the bank, the money is not available to the widow until she qualifies as administrator, if there was no will, which there usually is not in such cases, incurring attorney's fees, court costs and usually embarrassing delays. If there are minor children the funds are not available unless the court appoints a commission to set aside a year's support, and for this service the commissioners each receive \$5. It has been suggested that in cases where the estate is less than \$1,000 that the usual legal formalities be dispensed with.

Such a measure, we understand, was introduced two years ago, but was never heard of after reaching the committee. This is merely one of many measures that would be of benefit to those of small means, and certainly it is time that those persons received some consideration.

Senator McKellar and Representative Fisher are entitled to a large share of the credit for the retention of Park field as a permanent aviation school. It is a pleasure to testify to the active interest they have manifested in all matters affecting the welfare of their state.

Mr. Hoover is finding it a big task to feed the French. One who has had the responsibility of feeding a single family can appreciate the magnitude of the enterprise.

Twice Told Tales

News of Memphis 25 Years Ago. 10 Years Ago.

JANUARY 2, 1894.
Gen. G. P. M. Turner, of Memphis, announces he will start a new local paper in 10 days, to be called the Daily Citizen.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Central Baptist church gave a New Year's reception in the parlors of the church last night.

The third annual charity ball under the auspices of the Lucy Brinkley Hospital association was held last night at the Peabody hotel.

In the political turmoil over the approaching municipal elections on Jan. 4, charges are flying that hundreds of registration certificates are false.

JANUARY 2, 1909.
Queen Helene of Italy was seriously injured in another earthquake shock at Messina yesterday while administering to the sufferers.

Mount Etna, near the cities of Catania and Palermo, is threatening an eruption following the earthquake shocks on the Italian islands.

Harry D. Radford, New York sportsman, announces he will leave this month to explore the Arctic regions alone.

James J. Corbett last night announced his intentions of meeting Jack Johnson if no other white heavyweight could be found to do so.

